

D. WEISMAN

STATEMENT OF WEISMAN, D. Seal/c, 4th DIVISION

I was in the lower handling- room of Turret IV. After the first hit, I went to the shall deck. The lights went out and the ship started to turn over. I went to the lower handling room and followed a man with a flashlight. I entered trunk just out-side of handling room on the starboard side.. The lower handling room flooded completely. Water entered the trunk. I dove and swam to the bottom of the trunk and left the ship through the hatch at the main deck and swam to the surface.

/s/ D. WEISMAN Seal/c, U.S. Navy.

NOTE:

Divers found main deck hatch to trunk half . Four others gained surface by same route as Weissman. About eight others left in trunk made way to Lucky Bag and were rescued. Diver released buov with line attached into trunk. The divers equipment prevented him from entering the hatch.